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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Bob Lamb

- 1. In anticipation of a meeting between the Secretary of State and Judge Webster on 30 July, Bob Lamb telephoned to discuss key topics. His comments are preliminary.
- a. The Secretary of State agrees that there should be an organization that establishes standards and conducts audits. He has told his people that he does not believe that organization should be a part of CIA. I told Lamb that we understood this and that I believed Judge Webster's position was that it was under the DCI; hence, a Community organization. Lamb indicated that this may not be independent enough for the Secretary.
- b. Regarding the Diplomatic Security Organization, an issue continues to exist. I told Lamb that the Secretary argued his case effectively as to why this organization should not be outside the State Department and independent of it. However, it was my feeling that he did not convince the rest of the people at the NSPG meeting and remained in the minority on this issue at the end of the meeting. An issue remains here.
- c. How to fund the improvement of the existing embassy building. The destruction and reconstruction of the new office building and any new organizations to be created remains an issue. The Secretary seemed to propose, because of the security nature of the issues, that the funds be sought through the intelligence committees.
- d. As to how much of the new office building should be taken down and reconstructed, there seemed to be general agreement that the five top stories of the building should be replaced and that the columns should be sliced at the ground-floor or first-floor level. However, this position was arrived at against a background of "we'll tear down as much as required and as much as there are dollars to enable us to tear down and replace."
- e. It was agreed that funds for an annex would not be sought now but that in designing the upper floors we would allow for such to be built at some future date if required.
- f. With regard to polygraphing, the Secretary appeared willing to include as part of the "standard" a CI polygraph. He recognized that life style polygraph, as well as CI polygraph, was an issue about which he appeared to be in the minority.

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- g. It was agreed that the existing office building should be improved and made secure first because we are likely to be there a long time. Because of the cost of improving this building--up to \$35,000,000--the Secretary said "we will try to negotiate" keeping the old building.
- 2. I think these are topics that are likely to be raised at the upcoming meeting.

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